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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASAYOSHI FUKATSU ET AL.) : Examiner: David H. Bollinger
Application No.: 10/621,345) : Group Art Unit: 3653
Filed: July 18, 2003) : Confirmation No.: 3653
For: SHEET PROCESSING DEVICE WITH) : February 22, 2005
SHEET LIFT PREVENTING MEMBER) :
AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS) :
HAVING THE SAME) :

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the outstanding election of species requirement Applicants
provisionally elect to prosecute the invention identified as Species I. Applicants respectfully
submit that claims 1-3, 7-24, and 26-31 read on the elected species.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010 All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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